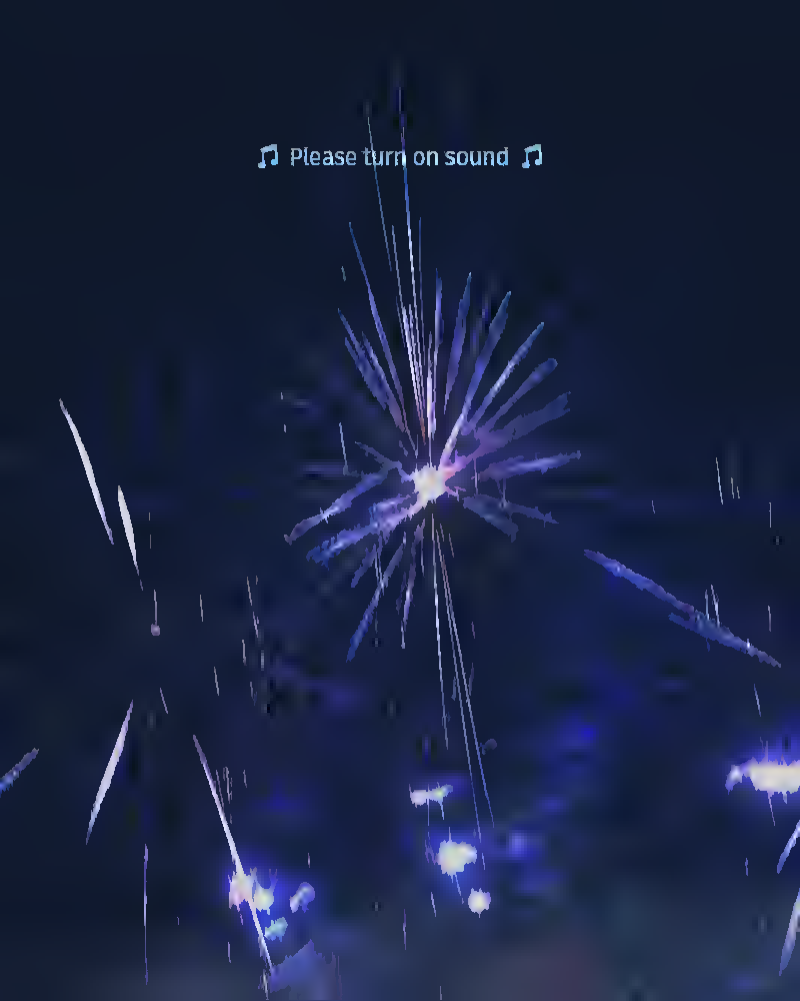
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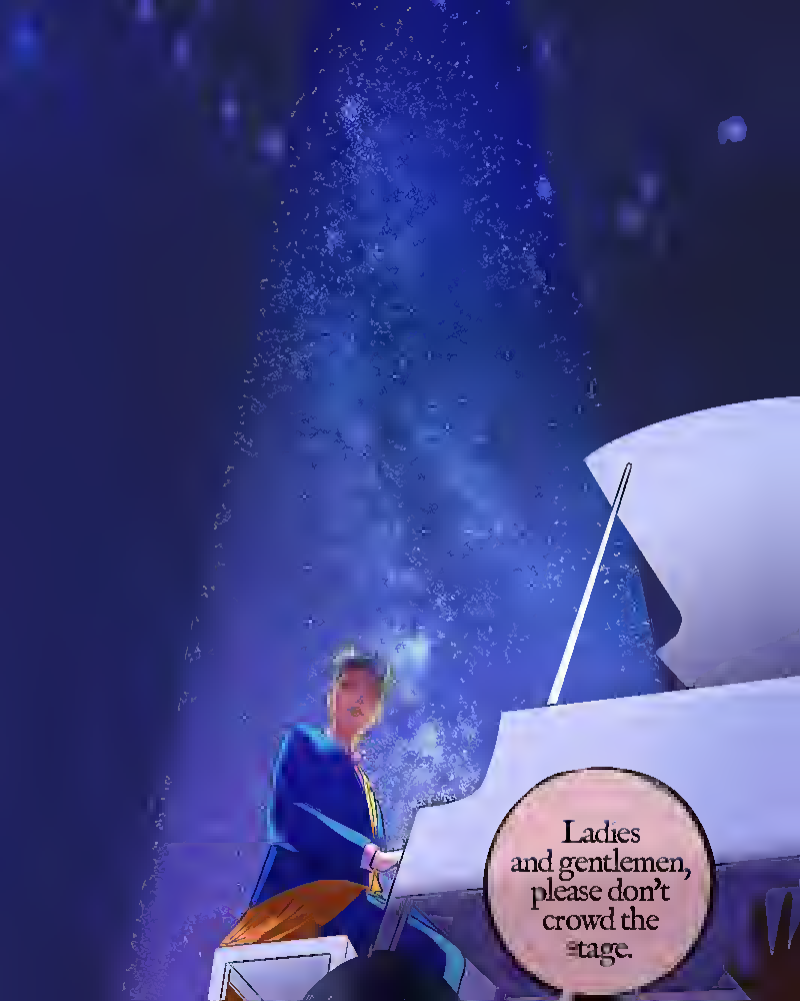
Garden of Deception


Ladies and gentlemen, please don't crowd the stage.

ASH!
ASH!!!
How cliché.

GLUG GLUG
Would you care for another glass, my lady?
No thanks. I'm done for tonight.
I need to sober up anyways.

Kazu, are you hurt?!

No,
I'm fine.

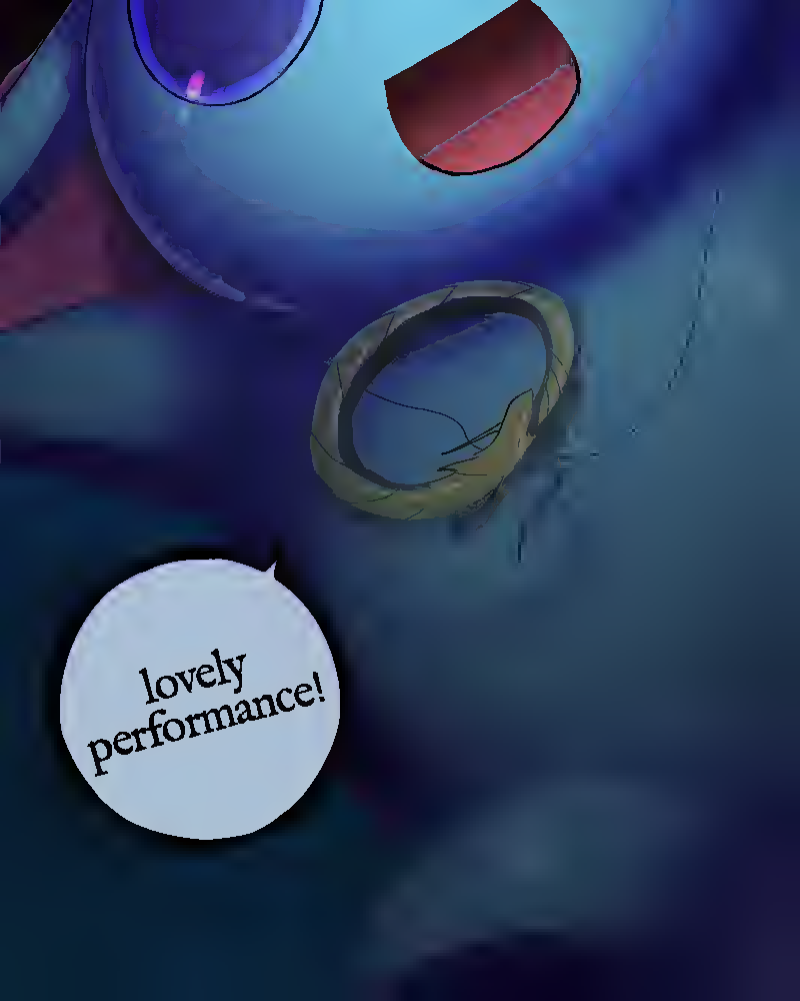
Solomon must have caught you off guard, huh?!

He wasn't the only one.

Rhea...

thank you.

Ahhh, no big deal.
It's the least I can do. HAH HAH!
Yes


lovely performance!

Shall we go?
I wanna check the city out.
Any restaurant recommendations?

The... the necklace...
...where did you find that?!

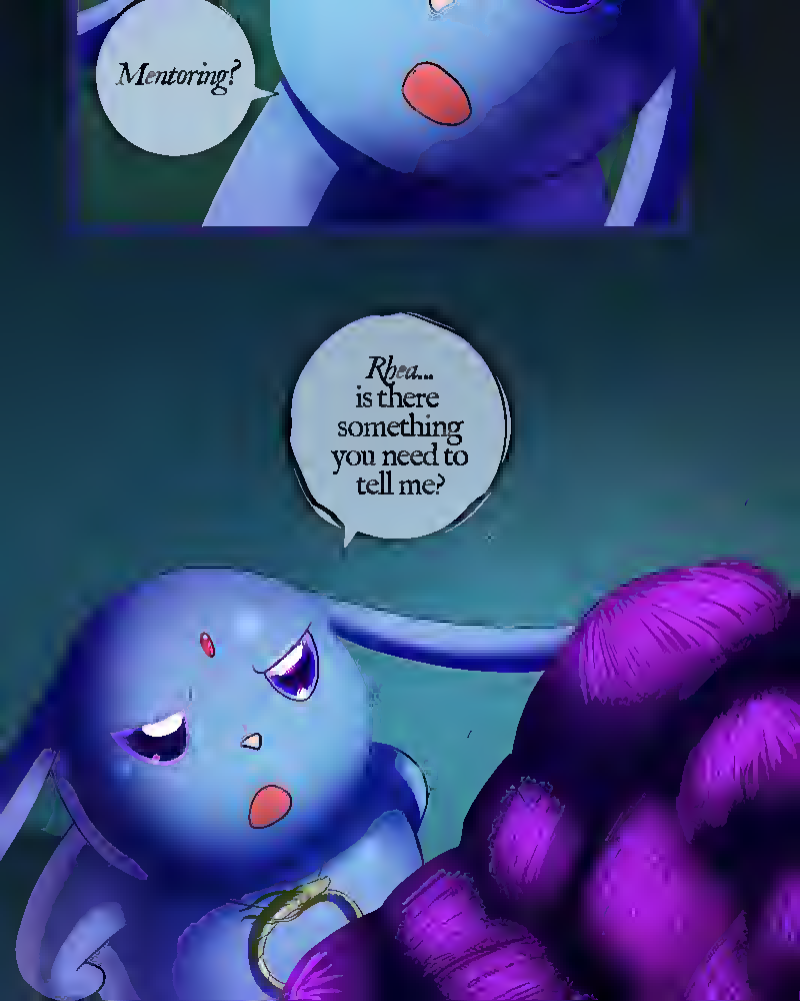
He was wearing it.

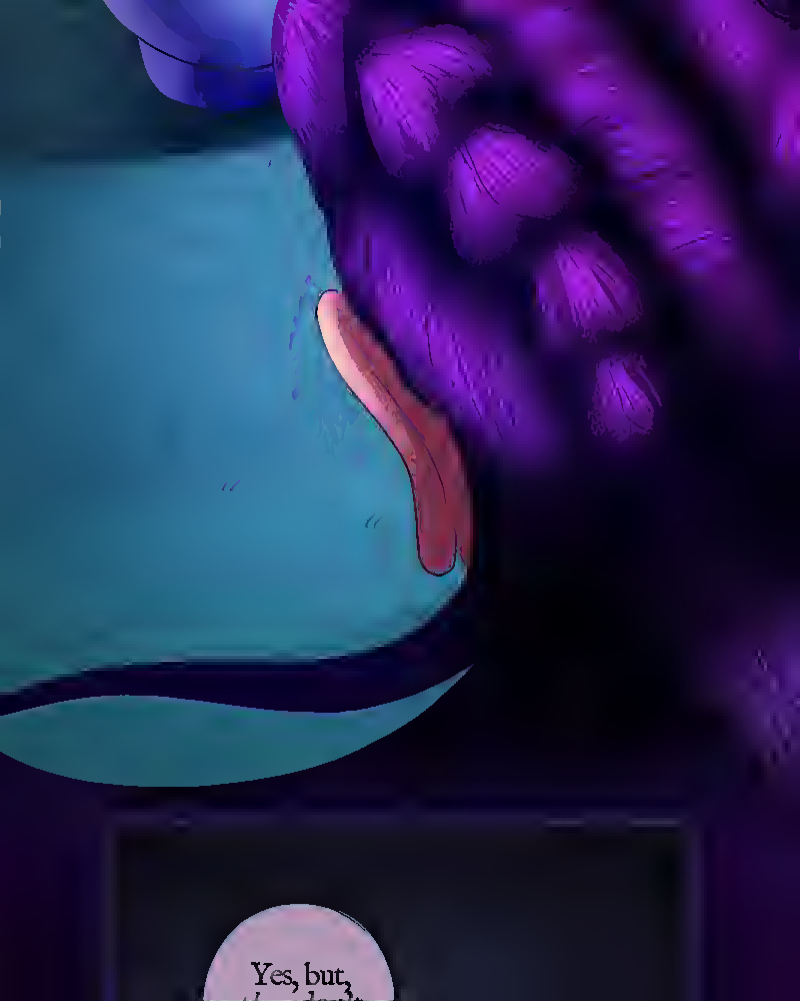
If *he* was wearing it, then where's my mom?
Beats me.
Let's go! The night's *still* young!
We *still* need to find

her.
She might be in *real* danger!
We? Oh no no no no,
I came here for *this* amulet.

I didn't sign up to do anything else, besides guarding and guiding you.

Don't forget mentoring Terra.


Mentoring?
Rhea...
is there
something
you need to
tell me?


Yes, but,

please don't
be upset.

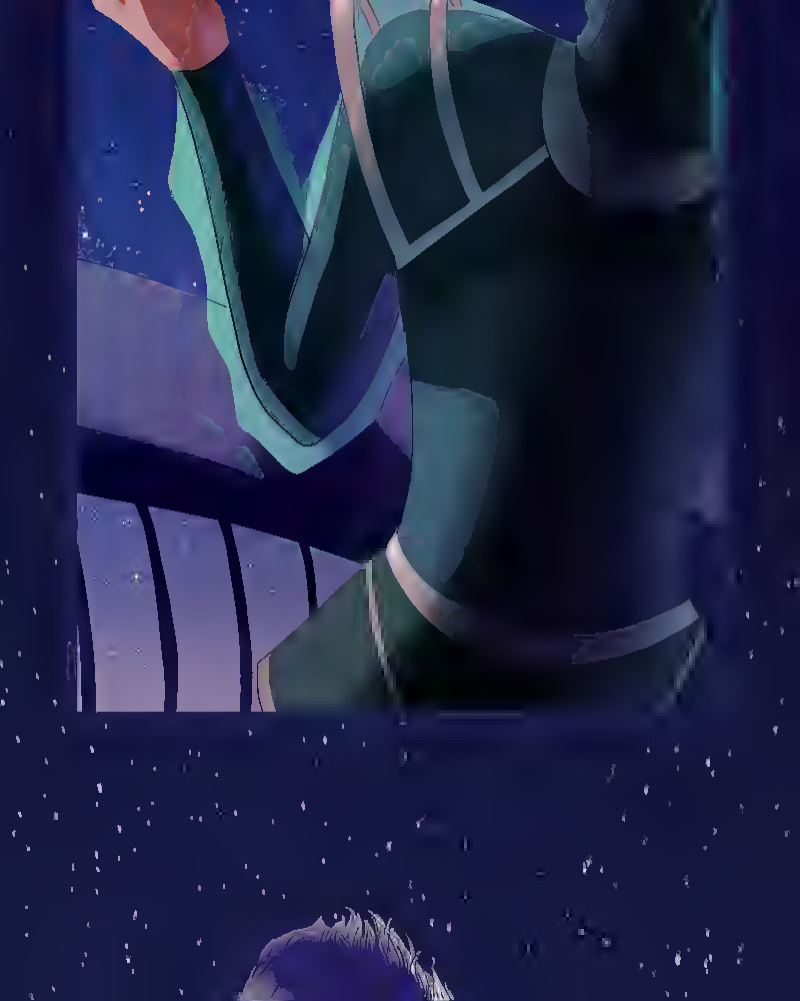
CLICK CLICK

...what a view.

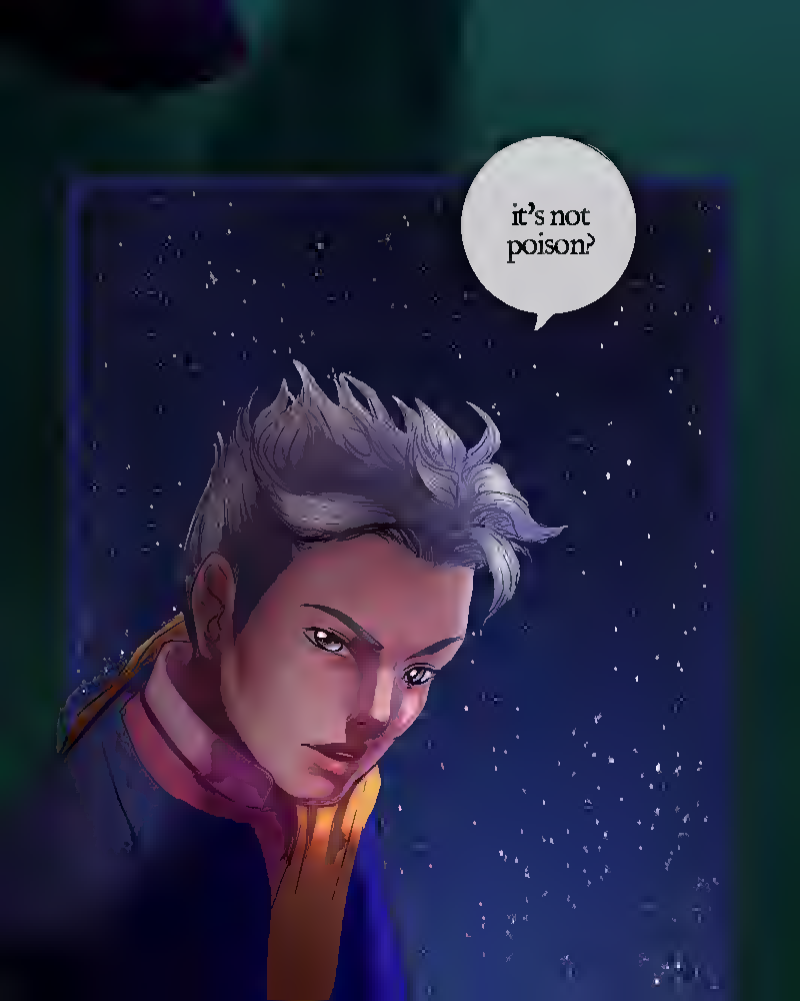
I second that.

No thank you,
I must be mindful of my voice.

That's too bad.
My blend is as smooth as a prom queen's thighs.



HAH HAH
How do I know...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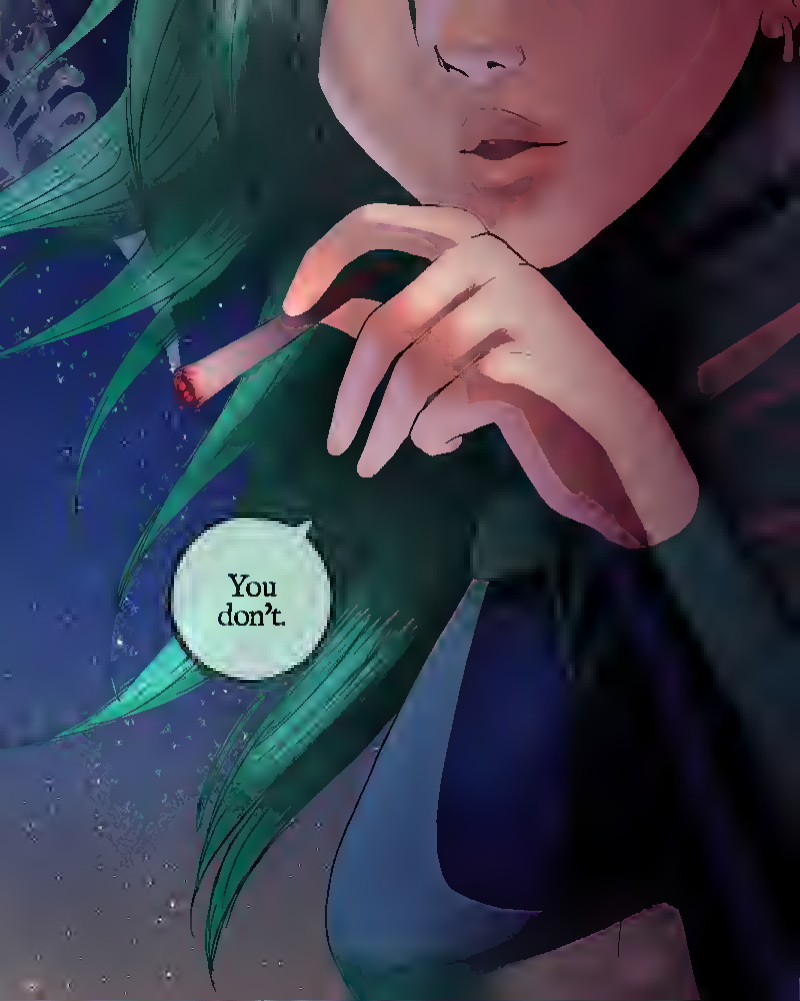
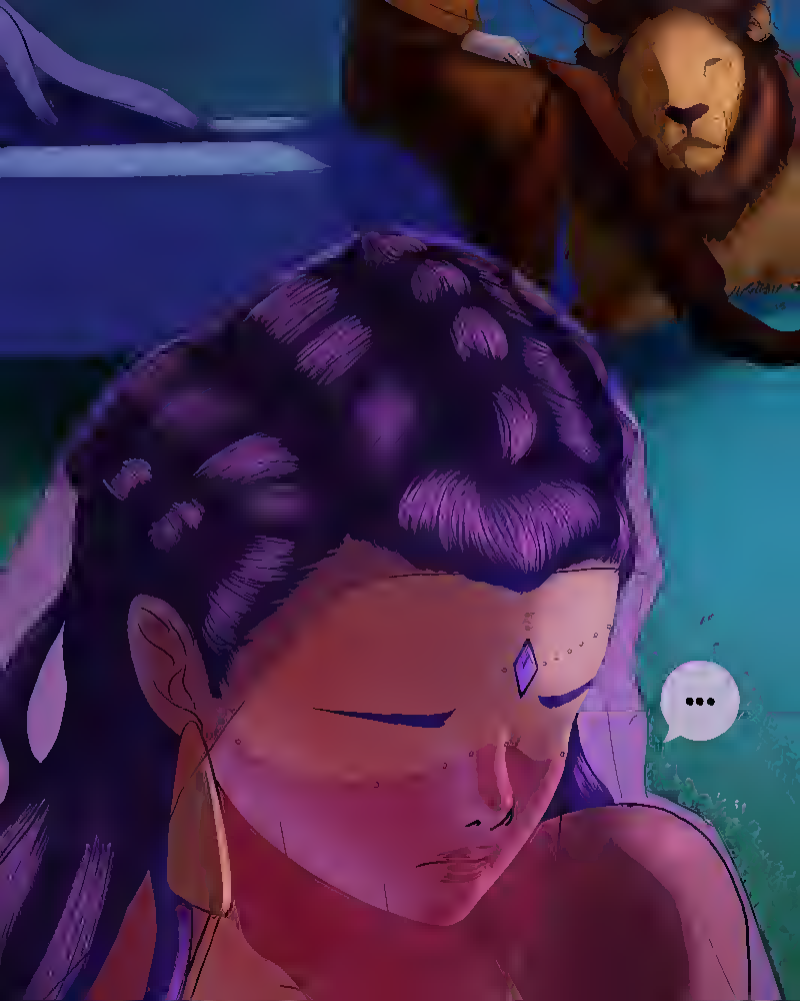

You
don't.

So let me get this straight,
you made Terra and Kazu *risk* their lives for *all* this?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Sigh.
I don't have time for this.
You do whatever you want.
I got what I came here for.

When you're ready to take things seriously, Rhea, let me know.

Try not to get yourself killed.
What's

more serious than a life?
Try an *entire* planet.

Tch, but you wouldn't know, *you* can't even remember what happened.
Bebo, I was *still* a baby!
No.

You're a Zeruian.
You *should* be able to remember your birth,

but you're too caught up with frivolous... things!
She's not a thing...
she's a person, and

if it *wasn't* for her,
...who knows what could have happened to us.
She's not even your *real* mother.

She was the only person I had.
At *least* she protected me,

unlike you.
You should be thanking the Enchantress.

She... *tck*... forget it, I'm outta here.
Do whatever you want.

Red,
let's go.

Red, don't leave.
Ahhhh forget about them!

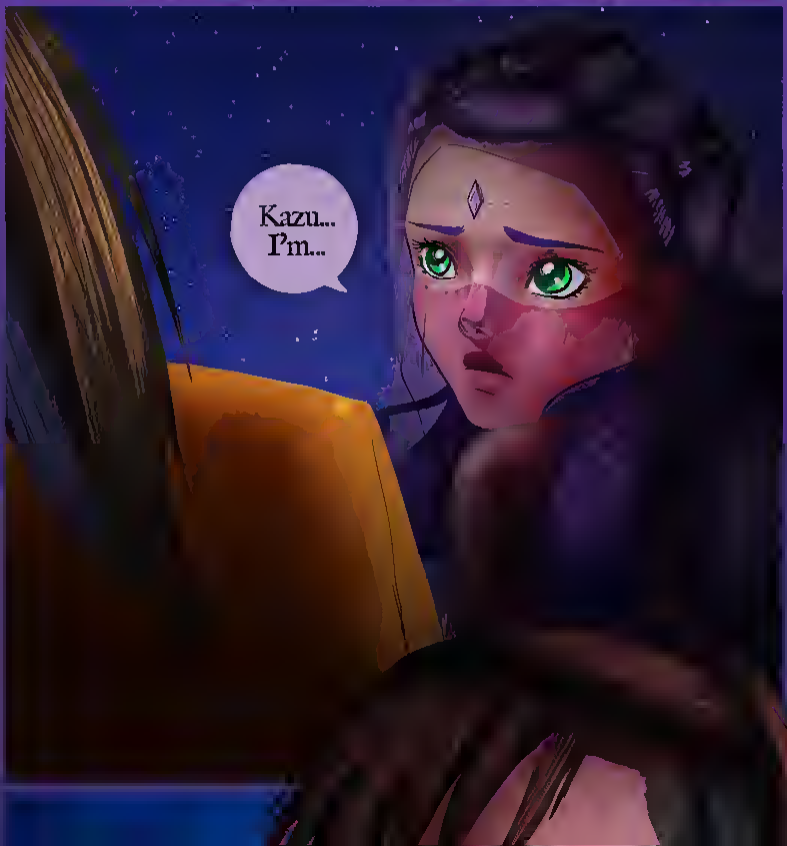
They have *no idea* what we've been through.

Bebo, *please*!
I'm sorry!

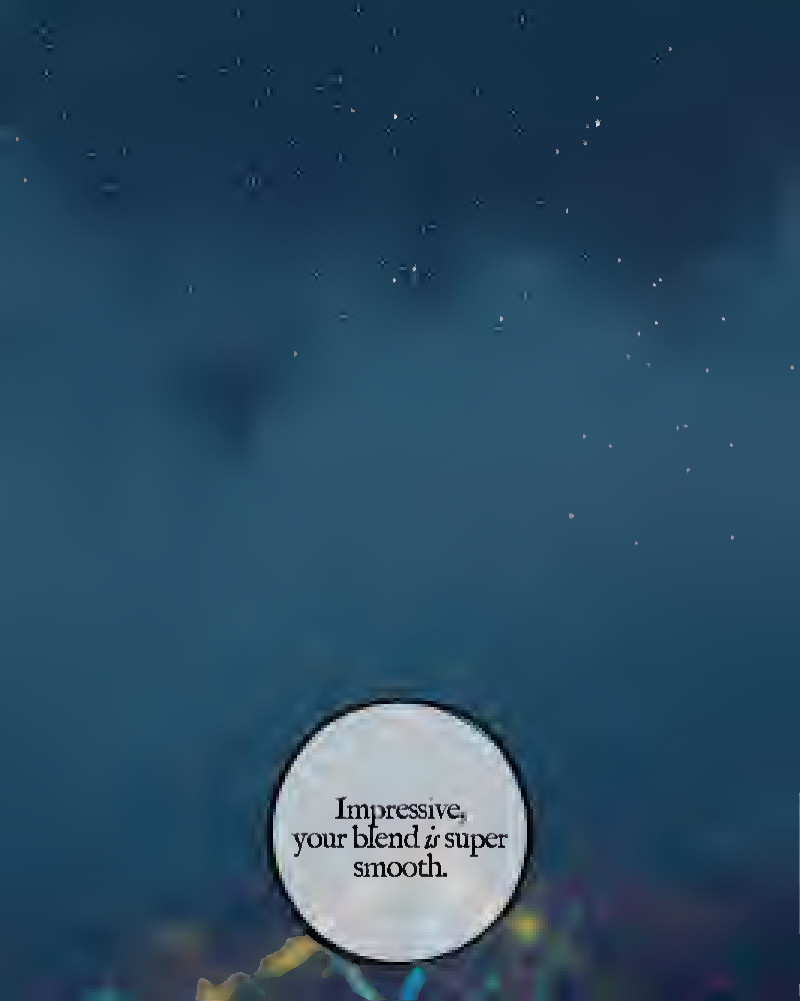
She's ungrateful!
I'm no babysitter-

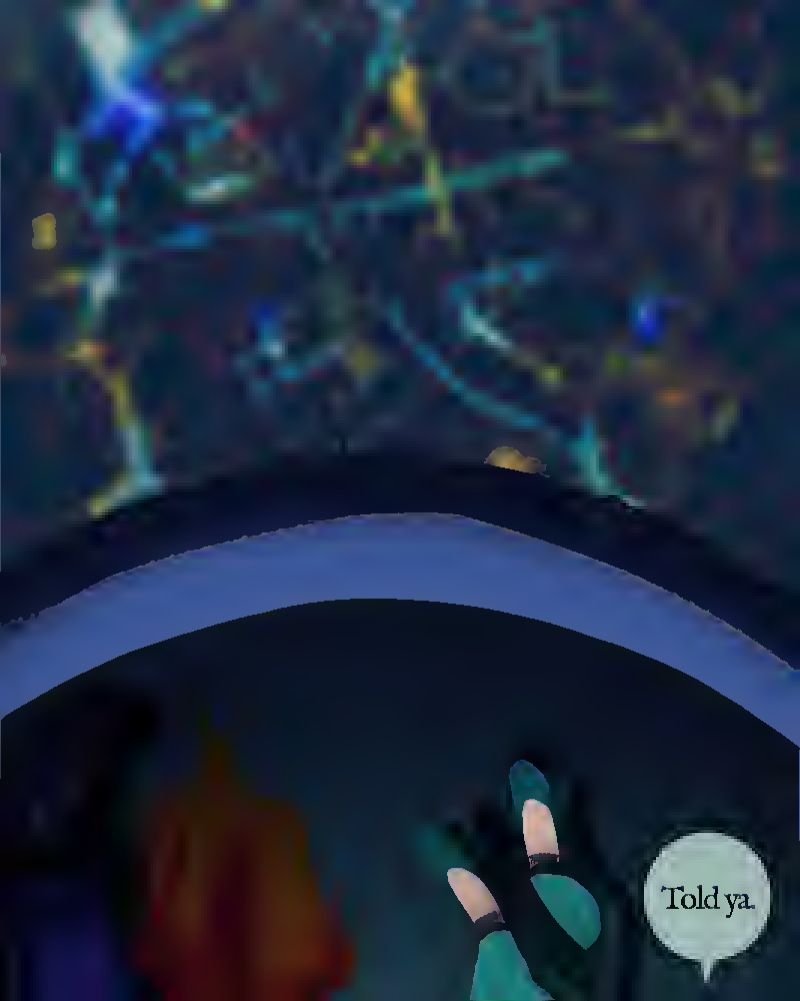
C'mon!

Huh?
He was able to fly this entire time?!


Kazu...
I'm...

We should leave.


Impressive, your blend *is* super smooth.


Told ya.

Sophie, *right?*
How is it that

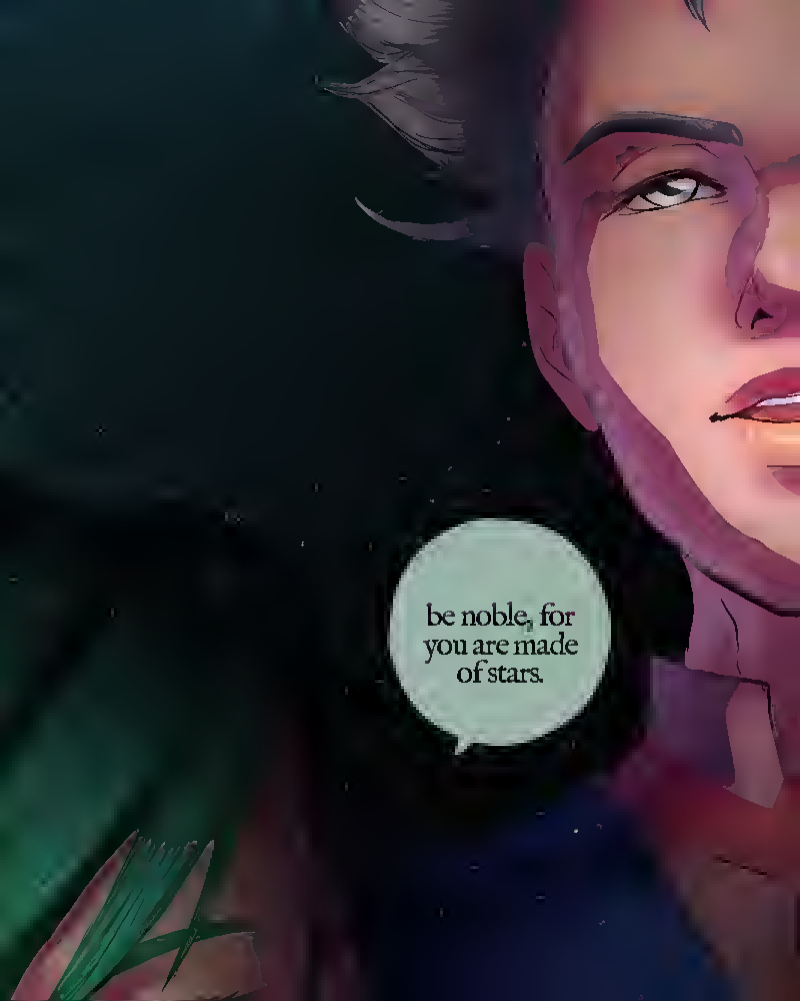
How is it that I've never seen you around?
that's because I spend a majority of my time on the ground.
Ugh...

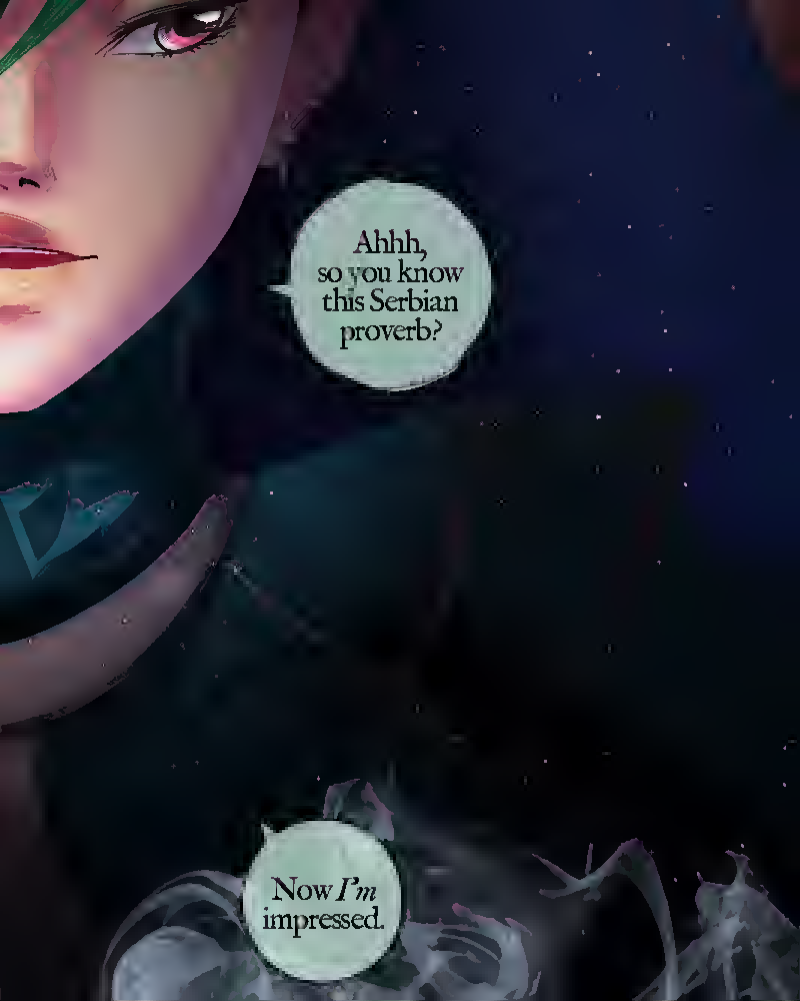
Because,
that's where I'm from.
I am human, after all.

The origin of the word "human" comes from the PIE language

Dhéĝhōm.
It means "earth."

Be humble,
for you are made
of earth...

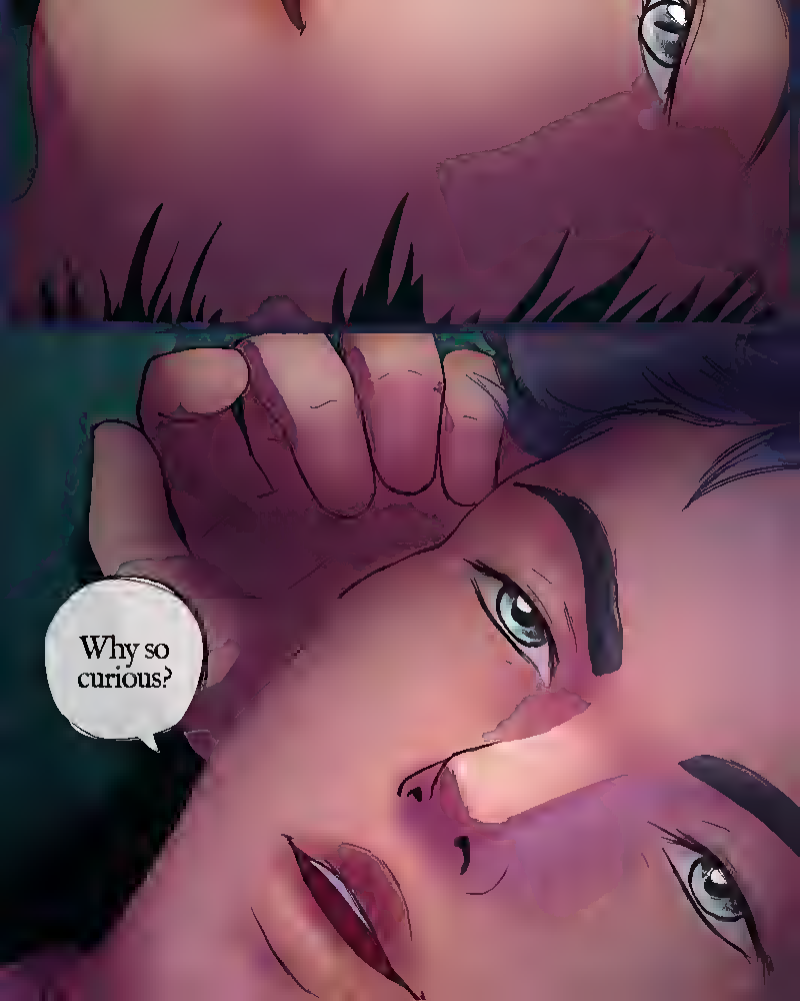

be noble, for you are made of stars.

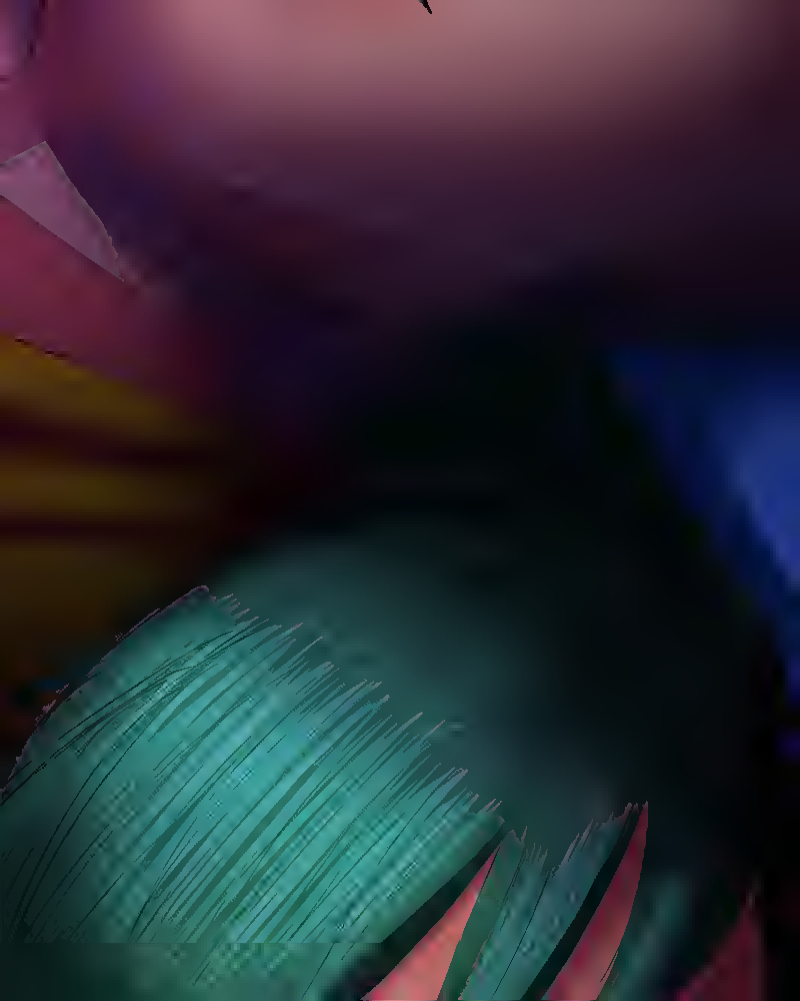

Ahhh, so you know this Serbian proverb?
Now *I'm* impressed.

Do I sense sarcasm?
HAHAHA
Let's be real, you don't come across as the philosophical type-
Evidently, you know nothing about me.
A true King

can captivate the world with divine eloquence and truth.
His whisper alone carries the presence of God.

How does one acquire this *divine* truth you speak of?
Only those with royal blood are granted this knowledge.


Why so curious?



So, *that's* the plan?
Finding Terra, then going home?
Yes.

HAH
Protector of the innocent...
What happened to being the Knight of Light?

Are you off duty?

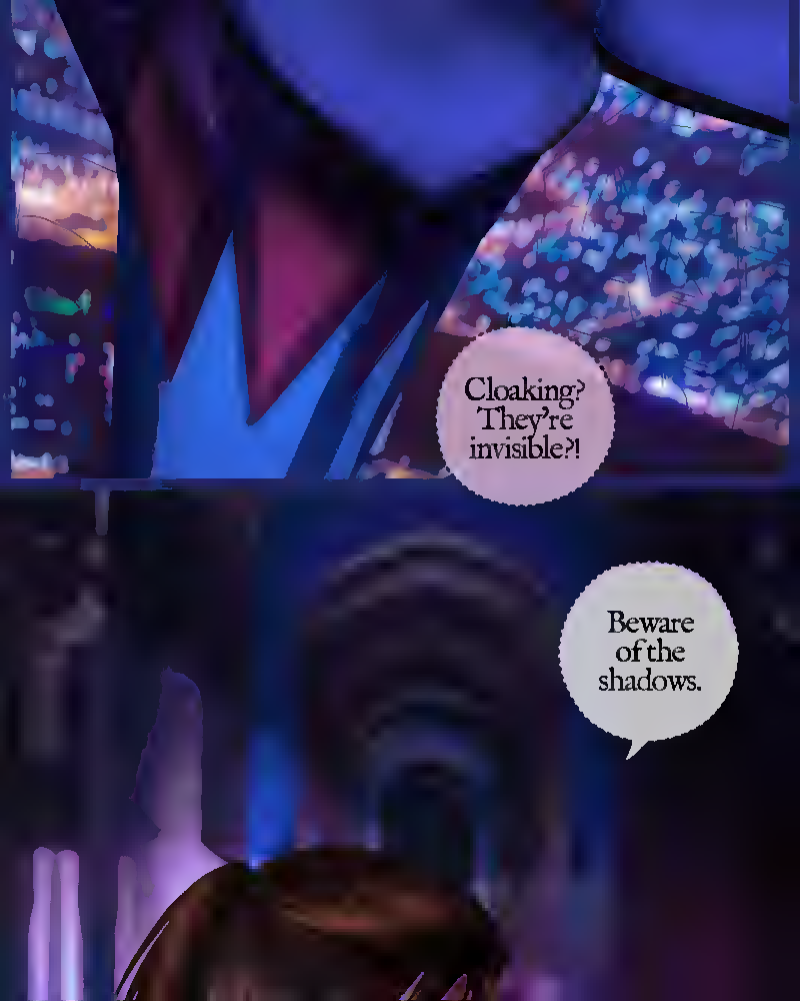
Have you ever had to come face to face with death?
Every day.

Death was in *your* hands?
Well... no, but...

Then you wouldn't understand.
Okay... so I've never killed anyone, but that doesn't change the fact that an innocent life is still in danger

If your mother had her hands in creating the eyeD, they're covered in blood as well.
She's just as guilty as the rest of them.
Them?

Them!
Who are you talking about?
Raven Core
It would seem they have perfected their cloaking technology.


Cloaking? They're invisible?!
Beware of the shadows.

You're right... I see it now.
Well, what if we come back after the party?

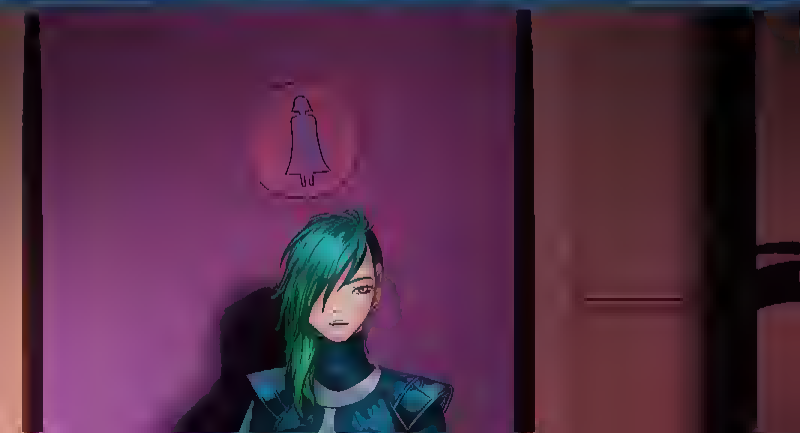
Raven
Core Knights should be gone by then.
Kazu... we made it this far already.
It'd be a waste to give up now.
Let's find

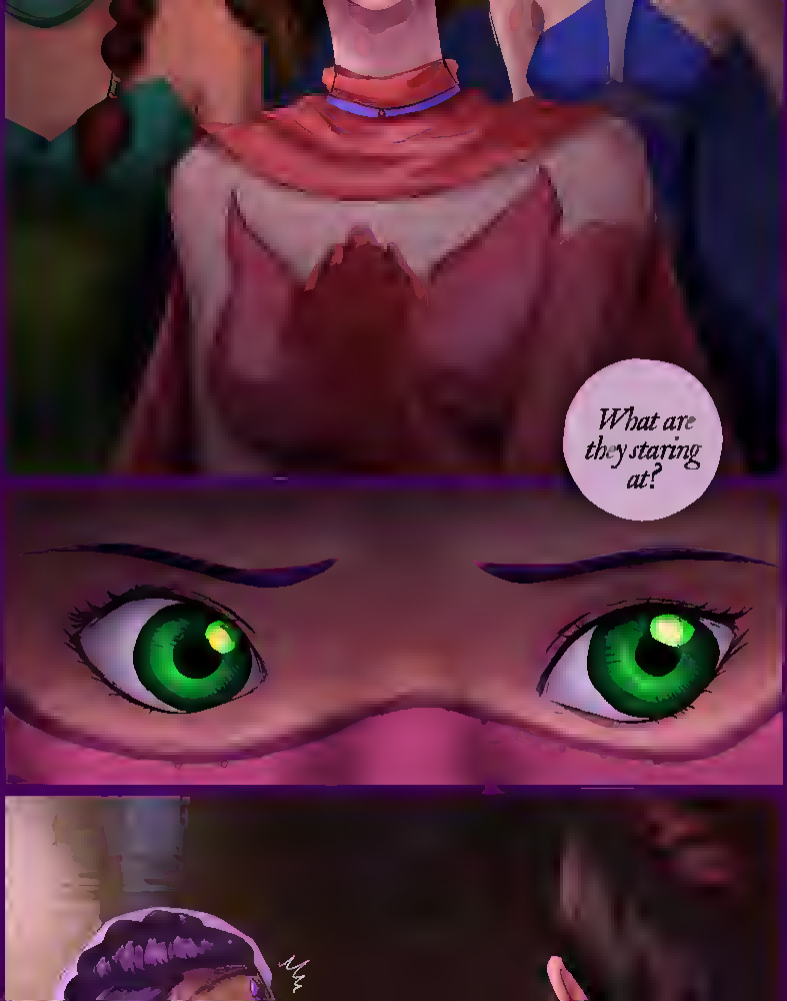
Terra first, then we'll figure things out.
So we're good, Ava?
I *just* need 20 minutes.
If they ask, tell them I ate something funky.

and had to go to the restroom.
Alright... but this isn't considered a lie, right?
I don't want Kazu to be mad at me...
White lies don't count, so they don't need to know, especially Rhea. Don't mention anything.

K?
Ava, this is a once

in a lifetime chance.




What are they staring at?

Kazu, do you see Terra?

Where could she be?

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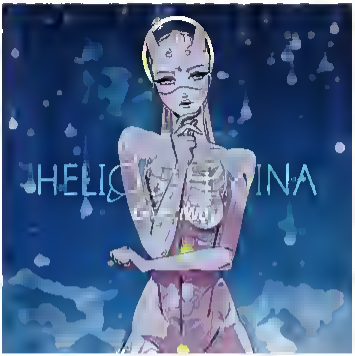

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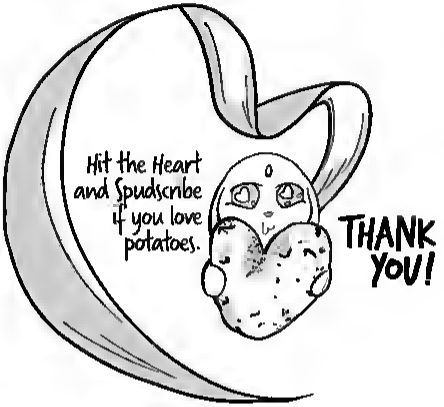

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